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Concerning "Republican Divisions."

If we may accept the authority of the letter of Senator Sherman, portions of which have been telegraphed from Buffalo, the ally season would seem to have set in early and strongly in this neighborhood. His reference to the National Convention of 1880 appears simply amazing in the region which treats Garfield's nomination as a calamity that might have been averted if certain Ohio delegates had not made the "fatal mistake" of preferring some other candidate to Senator Sherman. He is certainly one of a very few people who think that his nomination was at all a time possible in that convention. His arraignment of Mr. Blaine's friends for "making divisions in Republican States" is difficult to deal with seriously, coming from a proclaimed candidate for the Presidency who has just landed an open rupture in the party convention of his own State by forcing his demand for "endorsement" by delegates unauthorized to act upon any such question, the "Republican division" which he deprecates being averted by the forbearance and generosity of the "friends of Mr. Blaine."

The Senator seems to have wrought himself into that unfortunate condition of mind when every man who does not favor his nomination seems to him to be "making divisions in the Republican party." How wicked it is of Mr. Blaine, to be sure, that he should be popular in Ohio and other Republican States! We can think of no greater contrast than is presented by the civility of the message of William Walter Phelps, the devoted friend of Blaine, congratulating Senator Sherman on the "endorsement" and the spirit manifested by the letter of Mr. Sherman, to which we have referred. It is a pity for any man to be so warped by his aspirations as to be unable to see anything but his own desires. If Senator Sherman really intends to take issue with all the Republicans in Ohio and other States who claim the right to prefer another man to himself as the Republican candidate for President, and who believe not only the right but the duty of Republican constituents to elect delegates to the National Convention to honestly voice their preference as to the candidate, he will be likely to find himself in a very uncomfortable as well as a very unbecoming attitude.

The Ohio Senator would do well to profit by the example of Mr. Blaine, who is leaving the selection of the Republican candidate for 1888 to be determined by the people in their own time and in their own way.

Death of Hon. Ignatius Sargent.

The good towns of Machias has lost one of its most esteemed residents, and Washington County and the State of Maine have lost one of its ablest citizens. In the death of Hon. Ignatius Sargent.

His name was a synonym for integrity, public spirit and patriotism, and his life has been full of the respect of those among whom his lot was cast. Quiet, unassuming and kindly in all his qualities, he was firm as a rock where principle was involved and true as steel to every demand of duty.

For many years he has been one of the most prominent citizens of Eastern Maine, and his death leaves another vacancy in the fast thinning ranks of the strong men of his generation, who had much to do with the guidance of the public mind.

He has faithfully performed every duty as a citizen, and scrupulously discharged every trust reposed in him. The mourning for his loss will be sincere and earnest, and among those who grieve that he has been taken away the writer sorrows for the departure of an honored friend.

One of the most powerful and valuable orations that we have heard for years was delivered by Congressman William W. Morrow, at Oakland, California, on the 4th of July on "American Citizenship."

Congressman Morrow is one of the strongest of the able men of the Pacific Coast.

Postmaster General Vilas is industriously engaged in working up his Vice Presidential boom, and if the Washington correspondent of the New York Herald is really informed he is bending his energies to capture the influence of the railroad corporations in the West, the solicitor of the Northwestern Railway being one of his chief lieutenants. The Democratic organ should at once raise the war cry against Mr. Vilas.

The Higgins episode not only serves to show the shallowness of Mr. Cleveland's reform talk, but to illustrate the real inwardness of Mugwump journalism. For instance, when the glaring net of Higgins could no longer be winked out of sight these organs made a great show of outraged virtue and demanded its instant removal. But Mr. Cleveland, who looks upon reform as he does every thing else, namely, as a means to gather in votes, did not see it in that light, and fearing to incur the enmity of Senator Sherman, paid no attention to the protest. Thereupon the Boston Herald, which loves the "good and beautiful," at once took the principle involved out of sight and appealed to the "real state" of the President's character, urging that as a matter of votes it would help him materially to make a show of drugging and get rid of Higgins. In other words it is an open confession that the Herald cares nothing for reform as a matter of principle, but thinks it sounds well as a vote-catching campaign expedient.

The New York Herald, which warmly indorses the "reform" Administration on its editorial page, in publishing the news of the resignation of Mr. Higgins, is in fact making a complete refutation to its own editorial page. For instance, according to the Herald's Washington correspondent, there is a strong movement on foot to remove the resigning Republican chiefs of divisions in the Internal Revenue Department. There is not a word of complaint as to the efficiency of these officials, but on the other hand they have discharged their duties in a manner to win the approval of Commissioner Miller, who, finding himself placed in a disagreeable position, has conveniently left the office in control of Deputy Commissioner Henderson in order that the changes may be made during his absence. Henderson is not troubled with any conscientious scruples as regards the past pledges of the Administration, and is confidently expected to give aid and comfort to the Republicans to make place for so many Democrats with neatness and dispatch. This is what is now called reform.

Under the stress of making himself solid before the next convention Mr. Cleveland has culminated "light down from the Mugwump steed" and is now attempting to "democratize" his position by a "reform" campaign. The Mugwumps and civil service men no longer monopolize the President's attention. There is an air of business about the place. A large number of prominent politicians who have not hesitated to criticize Mr. Cleveland sharply have received invitations to call at the White House and since have come out bodily for Cleveland's re-election. Two conspicuous cases are John S. Barbour, of Virginia, and Senator Ellis, of Louisiana. Last year after the fall election on Mr. Barbour declared publicly that this crushing Democratic defeat in the Old Dominion was all due to Mr. Cleveland's un-Democratic policy. Senator Ellis has also been very plain in his talk about Cleveland. But now both men announce that Mr. Cleveland will doubtless be re-elected. Mr. Barbour's son a few days ago was appointed to a small Consulate, and one of Senator Ellis's most influential friends in Louisiana was recently made Supervising Architect of the Treasury.

When Mr. Manning was at the head of the Treasury Department an effort was made by the hungry politicians to secure the removal of the steamboat inspectors but the Secretary said:

"These positions are literally the most vital in the entire list of Federal appointments. The responsibilities of the officers involve the lives of all travelers upon steam vessels, as well as the safety of the vessels and protection of property transported upon them. The statutes strictly demand special fitness, integrity, scientific and mechanical skill, good personal character and habits of quality persons for holding office of every grade in the service. We cannot, therefore, except for specific causes, turn the duties of the vessels and protection of property transported upon them. The statutes strictly demand special fitness, integrity, scientific and mechanical skill, good personal character and habits of quality persons for holding office of every grade in the service. We cannot, therefore, except for specific causes, turn the duties of the vessels and protection of property transported upon them."

Secretary Fairchild appears does not regard the safety of lives and property as of so much importance and in obedience to the demands of Mr. Randall has removed certain officials to furnish places to the political friends. The New York Herald, it is remarked:

In the irrepressible conflict between first-year Presidential prognostications as to Civil Service Reform and the third-year second-term recede, the latter party is gaining a decided advantage. The steamboat inspectors of Mr. Secretary Manning refused to resign, and the latter party is gaining a decided advantage. The steamboat inspectors of Mr. Secretary Manning refused to resign, and the latter party is gaining a decided advantage. The steamboat inspectors of Mr. Secretary Manning refused to resign, and the latter party is gaining a decided advantage.

The fact is Mr. Cleveland's new devotion to his time to setting up his political friends, and the Mugwump "cranks" who have pointed to him as an official who would not permit his personal ambitions to influence his acts, will have to go to the rear for the remainder of his term. The machine is now in full operation.

How "Reform" Works in Chicago.

The Civil Service Reform League of Chicago has remained people of its existence by preparing a report on the operation of the Civil Service law in the Chicago post-office and custom house. It is a voluminous report and in many respects an interesting one. Mr. Judd took charge of the post-office on June 1. The number of employees in the post-office at that time covered by the Civil Service law amounted to 800 in rounded numbers, of whom 321 were carriers and about 460 were clerks. In the fall of 1886 thirty-five additional carriers were added to the Chicago post-office, increasing the number of carriers to 336, making a total force of about 820 carriers and clerks. Through the league has been applied to Postmaster Judd and Collector Seeburger, and has made many inquiries at the office of the Civil Service Commissioners in Washington, the reformers complain that they have been unable to obtain from any source official information as to the number of removals and "regressions" in 1887.

Neither the custom house or post-office, from reliable private information and notes in the daily press, believe the number to have been large, soundly reaching forty or more a week.

"On the other side," report adds, "we may safely assume that since the appointment of Mr. Judd as postmaster, and Mr. Seeburger as collector, almost the entire force of employees in the classified service has been removed by them. Furthermore, we have yet to hear of a Republican who has been appointed from the eligible lists to a position in either post-office or custom house by Messrs. Judd or Seeburger. In fact the official generally prevails that none but Democrats need apply for the examinations at the post-office and custom house. Our belief is that most of the changes have been made in the classified service for the purpose of removing all Republicans and replacing them with Democrats, and that the removals have been made in compliance with the demand of Democrats for the places."

The report ends with numerous complaints as to the partial manner in which all inquiries have been directed and especially the antagonism of the officials in charge all reference to the spirit of the law. The League concludes that there is an inherent weakness in the system which permits an officer to remove appointees for cause without requiring him to explain what the cause is.

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